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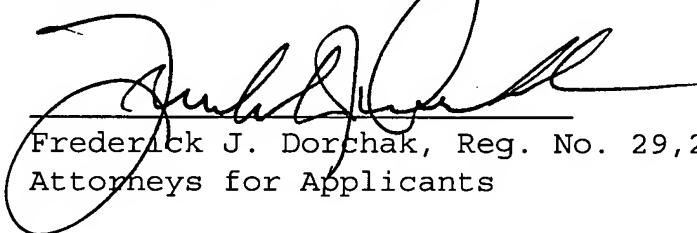
Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 16, 2004, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 3, 2005, the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 13, 2005, and the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed December 5, 2006, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449, and attached hereto. U.S. Patent No. 4,449,539 is believed to be the English-language equivalent of EP 0 055 859 A2. Copies of the U.S. Patents are not enclosed pursuant to current Patent and Trademark Office guidelines.

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It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application.

Respectfully submitted  
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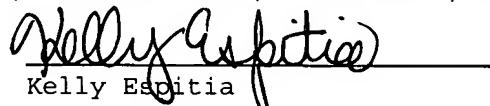
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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	5,030,209	07/1991	Wanderer et al.			
	AB	4,449,539	05/1984	Sarstedt (=EP 0 055 859 A2)			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AL	EP 0 055 859 A2	07/1982	European (=U.S. 4,449,539)			
	AM	DE 101 17 726 C1	08/2002	Germany			
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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